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Summary

Roger Rabbits Your Epithet Erased
Brendan describes the next phase of Epithet Erased to his lovely cast of toon actors.

“Now everyone, I know we’ve all been having a lot of fun making this series and making commercials for the various merchandise for Epithet Erased. Which is why I regret to announce that we’ll be continuing the series in book format for the foreseeable future.”

“Are you kidding me, Brendan?!” Meryl Lockhart had yet to get a single minute of screentime for Epithet Erased. Her design and character originated from the Anime Campaign that Brendan had refused to release for the longest time. She was a little more than a little pissed that she wasn’t getting screentime at all for the foreseeable future.”

“Meryl, it’ll be just fine! Surely we’ll get to do an audiobook together, right?” Percy said, trying to lighten the mood.

“Mr.Blaber, I would like to discuss some of my lines again. I find it incredibly annoying that my character is constantly being absolutely stupid”, Feeny said. Yoomtah, the gremlin herself, perked up with a smug look, “Nnnnnno-one cares!”. “Easy for you to say! You go “tsk-tsk-tsk” and the people go wild!”. Those two were always at each other’s throats.

“Guys, please. Let’s just all have a donut and chill out. This isn’t the end, not by a long shot with how much Anime Campaign there is to adapt.” “Yeah! Let’s all just take a breath and relax. Mr.Blaber, what will the first book in the series be?” Lorelai and Molly were written to be sisters, but acted a lot different from their characters. The two girls were inseparable and always had each other’s backs.

Gorou happily took a donut without missing a beat. After all, Indus made them and no one could resist Indus’ baked goods. Brendan took a bear claw and held up a concept drawing of the first book’s cover.

“It’s called Prison of Plastic, it explores Lorelai and Molly’s relationship as siblings, and how they’ve been affected by their mother’s death. Additionally, Rick, you’ll be getting your debut and Calliope, we’ll be having you do a song for the book. The voice acting for the audiobook version is going to be quite the experience for all of you involved.”

Lorelai and Molly immediately looked excited, they ironically had a lot of fun pretending to hate each other. Calliope meanwhile smiled softly, her role as a posthumous character was a bizarre one, mostly consisting of her getting her picture taken for portraits around the Blyndeff House set. In the meantime, she mostly helped with costumes and paintings sets, but Calliope was very interested in getting to showcase her other talents. Martin was a bit nervous, he didn’t exactly enjoy playing such a neglectful and unlikeable character, especially when he established himself as the person the cast can go to when they need comfort! Rick looked very smug, the epitome of Drama King himself.

Meryl glared at Rick, “So you’re telling me he gets his debut before me?! Brendan, I’ve told you time and again that the mundie-inscribed ratio of characters in this series is royally fu….screwed. It’s screwed.” Stink rolled his eyes at Meryl’s censorship, “We all know swears, Meryl. Some of us just aren’t allowed to use them on-camera, lol”. He held a hand up, Mera promptly high-fived him. Mera and Stink were the snark duo, making puns and playing pranks. Meanwhile, Mera and Meryl had something of an unspoken rivalry because

of how similar their names were, making for annoying misclicks for tagging on Ao3 and Tumblr alike.

Naven simply smiled, he and Brendan had a very amicable relationship, seeing as Naven had Brendan's voice. Thusly, Naven was looking forward to working on this book with the Neo Trio and Lorelai. He gave Yoomtah's hand a gentle squeeze underneath the table, they unfortunately had to keep their relationship secret from the public as they didn't want fans to think that their characters were also romantically involved. They might be intended to be, but only Brendan knows and he keeps his secrets well.

"Will me and my Boys be getting a major role?" Giovanni blurred the lines between character and reality, almost just as chaotic and funny in real life as on screen. He was related to Trixie after all, they both were very similar to their characters. "Giovanni, you will be getting a sizable role and Crusher, you'll be getting a little bit at the end. As for the rest of the Boys, I'll be releasing some material on my socials about your characters individually." The group seemed satisfied before heading over to the snack table as usual.

"Can I get a look at my lines soon? I want to at least understand some of the psychobabble that I spout." Sylvie enjoyed playing the "teen genius" character, but was a tad overprepared at times. You don't need to understand the lines to be able to say them after all, but that didn't stop Sylvie. "Uh, I think you'll be fine this time around, Sylvie. Pretty normal lines this time." The redhead smiled and breathed a sigh of relief.

Zora and Ramsey meanwhile shared a quick glance. "Are the rest of us gonna have any tide-overs, Mr.Pocalypse?", Zora said, her voice devoid of the country accent she used on camera. "Yeah, time is money and my time is a luxury I can easily extend to others!", Ramsey had a lot of fun in the Redwood Run arc, not that he'd admit it.

Brendan merely smiled, "We plan on doing a special Two-loween stream in-character! You two will in fact get parts in this, but it's largely improv, if that's too hard for you…" Brendan knew how to bait those two, they both never back down from a challenge. "Also, the next book you two get more major rolls along with Mera and Indus." Part of managing a cast of toons is negotiation, something Brendan was thankfully a master of. Zora and Ramsey immediately brightened up, they were both looking forward to more of their character work.

Percy smiled, despite not always knowing what others were feeling or what they were trying to tell her, she's learned to tell when people are happy. And everyone (sans Meryl) seemed pleased with where things were headed. "This phase of the series shall be splendid! Everyone, cheer on three"

"One"

"Two"

"Three"

"Epithet Erased!"

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